



# Cityscene

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A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



## DATELINE

### Business Owners: Sign Up for eMAS "Business News" Category

To keep city business owners aware of news of particular interest to them, the city has launched a new eMAS category: "business news." This compliments existing categories, to which both businesses and residents are encouraged to subscribe.

To sign up for eMAS — or to include additional categories — visit [eMAS.fairfaxva.gov](http://eMAS.fairfaxva.gov).

### Real Estate Taxes Due June 21

Real estate tax bills are due June 21. Payments postmarked later are subject to a penalty and interest charge. Those who directly pay real estate taxes who have not received a bill should call 703-385-7904.

Those who receive a bill when their mortgage company escrows for the payment should forward the bill immediately to the mortgage company.

### Independence Day Activities Set for July 4; City Closures in Effect

Celebrate Independence Day in the city day-long festivities July 4 — see page 8 for information.

City government offices will be closed July 4 and some services will be affected, including trash and CUE Bus. Look for a complete list in the July Cityscene, and on the website.

**If you're new to the city, welcome!**  
Call 703-385-7800  
for new resident information.

## City Plans for Economic, Fiscal Health at Workshop June 6-7

### Community Event Sponsored by Smart Growth America

City of Fairfax leaders and residents will discuss development policies and infrastructure investment strategies that promote long-term fiscal success in workshops June 6-7 sponsored by Smart Growth America.

City residents and business community members are invited to a workshop at 7 p.m. June 6 in the City Hall Annex for a community discussion on how to leverage assets and build a foundation for long-term economic health.

During the workshop, participants will learn how communities around the country are implementing strategies that save money, reduce liabilities for

the future and target investment to spur economic development. The workshop will be televised; see page 5.

The city was one of 22 communities chosen by Smart Growth America for the free technical assistance program.

The program, funded with a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, seeks to develop local planning solutions that help communities grow while protecting the environment and preserving a sense of place. Smart Growth America, a national organization researches, advocates for and leads coalitions to smart growth practices. For information, call 703-385-7821.



*Spend time in city parks this summer — see page 3!*

## See Aerial City Images Via Pictometry Online Viewer on the City Website

The city has launched new software on its website that allows users to view high-resolution aerial images of property around the city taken between 2005-11.

Pictometry Online provides angled (oblique) imagery from four directions, providing views of all sides of a building or property. Users may search via address, parcel number or longitude/latitude.

Users may access Pictometry Online on the city's website via the "online mapping" link in the "e-Services" section of the city's home page.

The "home" image is an aerial view

of City Hall (circa 2011). From there, either enter search criteria in the upper-left corner of the screen or click on the city map provided on the screen.

A dial allows users to change the direction from which the property is viewed (north, south, east or west) and zoom in via an adjustable bar. A drop-down menu allows users to choose images by date (March 2011, March 2009, March 2007 and April 2005). To print the image, click on the "print" button at the top of the screen.

For information, call 703-246-6331.



# NEWS & NOTES

## Graduation, Other Events on Mason Campus Might Impact Traffic

George Mason University, the city's neighbor to the south, has a number of activities on campus that attract many participants.

In June, graduation ceremonies for schools throughout the area will take place on campus, which might impact traffic around campus — and in the city.

Other campus events that might impact area traffic include student activities, concerts, community events and more.

For information or a schedule of upcoming events, visit [today.gmu.edu](http://today.gmu.edu) or call 703-993-1000.

Find out first! Find out fast!  
Sign up for eMAS,  
the City of Fairfax electronic  
message alert system,  
on the  
city's website:  
[www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov).



## Water Quality Report Mailed in June

This month, the City of Fairfax Utilities Department will mail its *Annual Drinking Water Quality Report* to its customers and post it on the city website. The report notes that city drinking water quality meets or exceeds federal and state water standards and regulations.

Tests are performed by the city daily and by state certified laboratories. These test results also are given to the

Virginia Department of Health, which regulates drinking water systems in the commonwealth. For information, call 703-385-7920.

## FHS Graduation, All-Night Party June 13

Fairfax High School (FHS) will hold its commencement ceremony for the Class of 2013 at noon June 13 in the FHS Field House. For information, call 703-219-2200.

That evening, graduates may celebrate at the annual all-night party. Sponsored by the FHS Parent-Teacher-Student Association and the Parents of Seniors, the party offers safe entertainment for graduates.

## Two Farmers Markets Offered in the City

Purchase local fresh produce, plants, baked goods and more at the Downtown Fairfax Coalition's farmers markets held at the corner of West and Main streets. For information, call 703-430-6164.

The Farmers' Market is held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

The Sunday Farmers' Market is held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays.

## "Debit and Forget It" with Utility Bills

Both residential and commercial utility customers may use automated payment for City of Fairfax water and sewer bills.

With the Automated Bank Debit Service Program, the city automatically debits the water customer's bank account on the bill's due date.

**DEBIT...**  
*& forget it!*  
City of Fairfax

## Summer Concert Series Offered in June and July

Spend summer evenings at free concerts offered by the City of Fairfax Band and its ensembles. Guests must provide their own seating. Schedule is subject to change, and concerts may be cancelled in case of rain. For information, call 703-757-0220.

"Friday at the Plaza" Series, Old Town Plaza, 3995 Chain Bridge Road:

June 7 ..... 7:30 p.m. .... Potomac Brass Quintet

June 14 ..... 7:30 p.m. .... Fairfax Saxophone Quartet

June 21 ..... 7:30 p.m. .... Alte Kameraden German Band

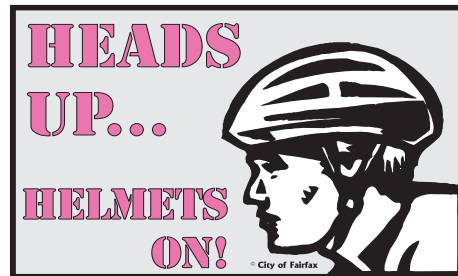
June 28 ..... 7:30 p.m. .... Rebel Run Dixieland Band

Summer Concert Series, Veterans Amphitheater (adjacent to City Hall):

July 11 ..... 7 p.m. .... Children's Concert with the City of Fairfax Band

July 18 ..... 8 p.m. .... Main Street Community Band

July 25 ..... 8 p.m. .... City of Fairfax Band



To enroll, customers must complete and submit a form that provides bank information.

Direct debit enrollment forms may be submitted electronically from the city's website. Forms also are available at the Treasurer's Office in City Hall and may be mailed to or dropped off at the Treasurer's Office.

For information, call 703-385-7900.

## Mosquito Traps Set Up Around Fairfax; Do Not Disturb

The Fairfax County Health Department has begun trapping mosquitoes as part of routine surveillance for West Nile Virus. These traps will be set up at dozens of locations around Fairfax — mostly on public property, including parks and schools. Please do not touch or tamper with them.

Traps are clearly marked with the words *mosquito trap* and have health department contact information on them.

Mosquitoes breed in standing water — as little as a teaspoon-full — so check places where water collects.

Think of areas that were icy during the winter or that remain wet and puddled in warm weather — such as old tires, potted plant trays and buckets — and "tip and toss" or remove these mosquito-friendly containers.

Eliminate standing water on tarps and clean out birdbaths and wading pools weekly. Clean out roof gutters and downspout screens so water will not pool.

West Nile virus is spread to birds, humans and other mammals through the bite of an infected mosquito. Most people bitten by infected mosquitoes do not get sick.

For information, visit [fairfaxcounty.gov/fightthebite](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/fightthebite) or call 703-246-8931.

# City Parks: A Great Opportunity for Summertime Fun

Searching for pleasant diversions in the great outdoors? The city has dozens of parks, as well as four school grounds and municipal facilities, offering a wide variety of amenities.

Picnic pavilions are available at Country Club Hills Commons, Daniels Run, Kutner, Providence, Ratcliffe, Thaiss, Van Dyck and Westmore parks. Some pavilions may be reserved; call 703-385-7858.

Bike paths and walking trails are found in every city park.

For a list of city parks and park facilities, call 703-385-7858. Information also is available on the city's website.

The city's agreement with Fairfax

County allows city residents to use Fairfax County parks and recreation programs. The county's parks system offers parks and a variety of facilities on more than 24,000 acres of parkland. For information, call 703-324-8702 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

City residents also are afforded free or member-rate entry to parks managed by Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. The authority operates 21 parks in Northern Virginia with 10,000 acres of hiking, picnicking, boating, fishing, camping, playgrounds, swimming and other outdoor recreational activities. For information, call 703-352-5900 or visit [www.nvrpa.org](http://www.nvrpa.org).

## Democratic Primary to be Held June 11

### Important dates:

**June 5:** last day mailed or faxed absentee ballot applications accepted

**June 8:** last day for in-person absentee voting (General Registrar's Office open 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.)

**June 11:** polls open from 6 am to 7 pm; after polls close, results posted on Cityscreen-12 and city website as available

Sample ballot, polling locations, information available: [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov) • 703-385-7890

## City Council Adopts FY 13-14 Budget

The City Council has approved a \$125.6 million general fund operating budget for fiscal year 2013-14, an increase of 4.2 percent. Budgeted expenditures for all funds total \$175.4 million, an 8.3 percent increase from the previous budget. The fiscal year begins July 1.

The real estate tax rate was set at \$1.06 per \$100 of assessed value; the average residential tax increase will be 7.1 percent, or about \$299. Commercial real estate values remained flat. Two cents of the real estate tax rate is dedicated to the city's stormwater fund, an increase of 1¢.

The City Council increased the maximum income eligibility limits for the real estate tax and rent relief programs for seniors and residents with disabilities to \$72,000 and approved an increased disability income exemption of \$10,000.

The City Council maintained the commercial real estate tax rate at 5.5¢ per \$100 of assessed value; these dedicated funds are used exclusively toward new city transportation projects. The Old Town Service District tax remains unchanged at 6¢ per \$100 of assessed value.

Capital fund expenditures increase

\$2 million, 70.1 percent, to \$4.9 million, \$1.6 million of which supports essential road and sidewalk maintenance.

The adopted budget reflects a decrease in the school tuition contract with Fairfax County Public Schools of \$650,000 from the amount presented in the 2014 proposed budget. The reduction is driven mainly by a decrease in city student numbers. The city is contractually obligated to pay for instructional costs based on a per-student formula. Year over year, school tuition increased by \$450,000, or 1.5 percent.

Employee merit raises of 3.5 percent and public safety longevity steps of 3.5 percent were funded at \$300,000.

The City Council also approved a wastewater rate increase of 10 percent to meet the capital projects and debt service costs relating to the city's share of Fairfax County wastewater plant upgrades. The water rate was not increased due to city's upcoming transition to Fairfax Water.

The budget will be posted on the city's website and will be available upon request. For information, call 703-385-3973.



## ALMANAC

### Shred Documents, Recycle Electronics

Document shredding is offered to city (and Fairfax County) residents from 8 a.m. to noon June 22 at Brad-dock District Office (co-located with the Kings Park Library), 9002 Burke Lake Road.

City residents may recycle their electronics equipment from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 26 at the I-95 Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton.

Items accepted at this event include computers, televisions, fax machines, photocopy machines, VCRs, cell phones, scanners, calculators and test equipment.

For information, call 703-324-5052.

### Keep Bones, Meat Out of Compost Piles

Compost piles recycle organic waste, reduce the amount of trash at the curb and provide natural and healthy fertilizer.

The types of items that should be put in compost piles include leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste; apple cores, potato peels and other organic debris.

Please refrain from putting in a compost pile any animal meat and organs; bones; and vegetables with dressing or oils. These attract animals and do not decompose.

### Recycling, Disposal Information Available

The City of Fairfax offers:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*, which lists what items may be disposed of where and how in the city, and
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*, which lists what items are recycled in the blue bins collected by the city.

For a copy of the flyers, visit the city's website (click on "Refuse & Recycling" on the home page) or call 703-385-7837.

**INFORMATION: 703-385-7837**

## Avoid Costly Sewer and Water Repair Bills: Get Insurance

Water and sewer damage can be devastating and costly. To protect against potential loss, the city recommends residents check insurance carriers to make sure they have proper coverage.

When a sewer backup or water main break causes damage to personal property, the city's insurance carrier historically has denied claims unless the city was found to be negligent (which is rare).

To be protected, property owners and renters should ensure their policies include sewer backup insurance as well as protection in case of water damage from water backups and other sources, such as water main breaks — or ask for a rider or endorsement for the coverage.

These additions can be purchased for as little as a few dollars a month on average. For information, contact your insurance carrier.

Property owners are responsible for all sewer service from the sewer main (including the tap) to the building, and water service from the meter to the building. The city is aware that Dominion Products and Services, Inc., a service of Dominion Virginia Power, offers its customers a number of home repair programs, including water line replacement (866-645-9810) and sewer line repair (866-535-9519), for a monthly fee.

## Keep Fireworks Safe

Fireworks are as dangerous as they are beautiful, and their misuse causes fires, injury, property loss — even death.

Not all fireworks are permitted in the city. Fireworks that explode, emit a flame or spark higher than 15 feet, or are projectiles, are banned in the city — even if they are available for sale elsewhere. Possessing or using illegal fireworks is punishable by fine or jail.

Purchase only fireworks for sale by licensed merchants, and handle them with great care.

For safety, light fireworks on flat surfaces, away from combustible materials, vehicles and buildings, and keep bystanders at least 25 feet away from fireworks. Do not permit children to handle or light fireworks, and do not throw fireworks. For information, call 703-385-7830.

Remember, the city hosts an Independence Day fireworks show and evening show July 4, complete with live music. Information: 703-385-7858.

### Fairfax, Then and Now

## Driving in Kamp Washington



1952

Photo courtesy of the Virginia Room

Check out Fairfax's busy Kamp Washington — the intersection of Routes 29, 50 and 236. It was a heavily-traveled path to the District of Columbia from campgrounds in the area.



2013

photo courtesy Google Earth

## Parks and Recreation Schedules Strategic Plan Meetings on June 22, 23

Take one of the many opportunities to tell the Parks and Recreation Department and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board what you think about city parks and services: public input is actively sought for the department's strategic master plan.

The department will hold four community workshops to collect information: 10 a.m. to noon June 22 at Green Acres Center and from 1-3 p.m. June 23 at the

Sherwood Community Center.

Stop by [www.ourparksourfuture.com](http://www.ourparksourfuture.com) for public participation, to watch an introductory video on the process and to complete a survey.

A strategic master plan is a clear, concise and measurable set of goals, policies and objectives to provide direction of future development, redevelopment, and enhancement of the city parks system. For information, call 703-385-7858.

## Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- **Board of Building Code Appeals** (two vacancies: mechanical/plumbing, fire protection representatives) — Hears appeals to the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code and the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code and makes recommendations to the state board of housing for changes or modifications to the building code.
- **Commission for Women** (one vacancy for city resident) — Identifies and advocates for the needs of women in the city. Promotes programs to increase awareness and provide services to the community. Open to men and women. Meets on the third Tuesday of the month.
- **Commission on Organ Tissue Donation and Transplantation** (one vacancy for city resident) — Heightens awareness of the need for donations.
- **Commission on the Arts** (one vacancy for city business representative) — Encourages and provides opportunities for artistic expression within the city. It is not necessary to be an artist to be on the commission; anyone with an interest may apply. Meets on the second Tuesday of the month.
- **Community Appearance Committee** (one vacancy for city resident or business representative) — Coordinates the city's Adopt-a-Spot program and clean-up month/day programs, in addition to commercial, residential and holiday decoration award programs. Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.
- **Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board** (one vacancy for city resident) — Serves as directorate for the local programs within the local Alcohol Safety Action Program.
- **George Mason University Fairfax Campus Advisory Board** (one Council designee position) — Identifies and promotes partnerships in support of joint university-community initiatives; provides advice and counsel to the university administration concerning community-university issues and relations; and addresses and resolves issues of community and university concern.
- **Northern Virginia Community College Board** (one vacancy for a city resident) — Provides local leadership and approves items to be recommended to the state community college board.
- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** (one vacancy for a city resident) — Studies and makes recommendations to the City Council on park and recreation facilities and programs. Meets on the second Thursday of the month.
- **Personnel Advisory Board** (two vacancies for alternate positions for city residents) — Hears grievances of city employees which ready the fifth and final step of the grievance procedure. Meets as needed.

**Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required (at least one year living in the city and registered to vote in the city). Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. The city is committed to equal opportunity in all programs, services, activities and appointments. Information: 703-385-7935.**



# JUNE CABLE SCHEDULE

## **The Fairfax Scene**

Through June, enjoy highlights from the 2013 Spotlight on the Arts event "Cinco de Mayo."

Watch *The Fairfax Scene* at 2 pm and 6 pm daily. Shows are archived online under "special programming" and on the city's YouTube channel.

## **'Planning for Economic and Fiscal Health' Workshop with Smart Growth America**

Thursday, June 6, 7 pm, LIVE

replays: Friday, June 7, 10 am, 7 pm; Saturday, June 8, 10 am, 7 pm; Sunday, June 9, 10 am, 7 pm; Monday, June 10, 10 am; Wednesday, June 19, 10 am, 7 pm; Friday, June 21, 10 am, 7 pm; Saturday, June 22, 10 am, 7 pm; Sunday, June 23, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online June 7

## **School Board Meeting**

Monday, June 3, 7:30 pm, LIVE

replays: Tuesday, June 4, 10 am, 7 pm; Thursday, June 6, 10 am and following the Planning for Economic and Fiscal Health Workshop; Monday, June 17, 10 am, 7 pm; Tuesday, June 18, 10 am, 7 pm; Thursday June 20, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online June 4

## **Planning Commission Meetings**

Monday, June 10, 7 pm, LIVE

replays: Tuesday, June 11, 10 am; Thursday, June 13, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online June 11

Monday, June 24, 7 pm, LIVE

replays: Tuesday, June 25, 10 am; Thursday, June 27, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online June 25

## **City Council Meetings, Work Sessions**

Tuesday, June 11, 7 pm, LIVE

replays: Wednesday, June 12 and Friday, June 14, 10 am, 7 pm; Saturday, June 15 and Sunday, June 16, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online June 12

OnDEMAND replay begins June 16

Tuesday, June 25, 7 pm, LIVE

replays: Wednesday, June 26 and Friday, June 28, 10 am, 7 pm; Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online June 26

OnDEMAND replay begins June 30

## **Encore!**

Enjoy an encore presentation of a musical performance at 4 pm daily.

Programming is subject to change — see Cityscreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. Information: 703-385-7803.

## Proposed Agendas for School Board, Planning Commission, City Council

### **School Board (for information, call 703-385-7911)**

#### *June 3 regular meeting*

- Student recognition.
- Presentation of Resolution to Rachel Tran.
- Student representative report.
- Approval of adjusted budget for fiscal year 2013-14.
- Approval of School Board staff employment contacts.

### **Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)**

#### *June 10 regular meeting and work session*

- Consideration of a subdivision at 4310 and 4320 Chain Bridge Road (for a residential development known as Johnson Crest).

#### *June 24 regular meeting and work session*

- No agenda items have been set.

### **City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)**

#### *June 11 regular meeting and work session*

- Consideration: of a resolution endorsing WMATA's Momentum Plan; of a resolution regarding the Northfax Project; of the *City of Fairfax Comprehensive Emergency Plan*.
- Public hearings: on a request for a special use permit to allow delivery for a business otherwise defined as a specialty food establishment and located at 9548-c Main Street; on appropriation resolutions for the city's budget for fiscal year 2013-14; on an appropriation resolution for the non-discretionary supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2013-14 on an appropriation resolution for the for fiscal year 2013-14 grant funds.
- Joint discussion with the Charter Commission.

- Discussions: on 9538 Lee Highway for a rezoning request and a special exception for a new shopping center on a vacant lot (next to Arthur Treachers); on whether to permit limited archery hunting to control the deer population in the city.

#### *June 25 regular meeting and work session*

- Public hearings: on a proposal to amend the City Code regarding beekeeping; on a special use permit to allow a sound system on the softball field at Fairfax High School; on a request for a special exception for an auto body shop at 3614 Campbell Drive.
- Joint meeting with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.
- Joint meeting with the Environmental Sustainability Committee.

### **Information Resources In Case of Emergency...**

- City website: [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov)
- Cityscreen-12, city's television station
- eMAS messages: [emas.fairfaxva.gov](mailto:emas.fairfaxva.gov)
- City newsline — 703-273-1776
- Facebook: [CityofFairfaxVa](https://www.facebook.com/CityofFairfaxVa)
- Twitter: [CityofFairfaxVa](https://twitter.com/CityofFairfaxVa)
- General information: 703-385-7855 (TTY: 711) (regular business hours)
- Office of Emergency Management: 703-385-4856 (TTY: 711) (regular business hours)

Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm.



# CITY COUNCIL REPORTER

**April 23, 2013**

## **Consent agenda**

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of an award of contract to Fort Myer Construction Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$100,654 for the purchase and installation of wireless signal detection systems; Consideration of an award of contract to Fort Myer Construction Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$69,000, for the purchase and installation of emergency intersection battery back-up power systems; Consideration of a resolution approving the issuance by the Industrial Development Authority of the Town of Clifton of Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6,950,000 for the benefit of the GMUF Commerce Buildings, LLC.

## **Public hearings**

- No action was taken on the public hearing for the City of Fairfax proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-14.
- Deferred, unanimously, action until May 1, 2013 on an ordinance amending City Code pertaining to classification and taxation of certain real property in the City of Fairfax used for or zoned for commercial and industrial purposes.
- Deferred, unanimously, action to May 1, 2013 on an ordinance amending City Code to increase the water rate by 9.5 percent and wastewater rate by 10 percent effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2013.
- Approved, unanimously, to direct staff to summarize the comments from the public on the proposed improvements and present the summary to the City Council at the May 28, 2013 City Council meeting to approve the proposed improvements for the Northfax intersection and storm drainage improvement project.
- Approved, unanimously an ordinance amending City Code pertaining to real property tax exemptions, deferrals and freezes for certain elderly and disabled taxpayers.
- Approved, unanimously, an initial ordinance proposing to grant a franchise to occupy and use the public rights-of-way of the city for the purpose of construct-

ing, maintaining and repairing electricity facilities and establishing procedures for the advertisement and solicitation of bids for such franchise.

- Approved, unanimously, an initial ordinance proposing to grant a franchise to occupy and use the public rights-of-way of the city for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing a telecommunications system and establishing procedures for the advertisement and solicitation of bids for such franchise.

**May 1, 2013**

## **Public hearings**

- Approved, unanimously, to adopt an ordinance amending City Code to increase the water rate by 0 percent and the wastewater rate by 10 percent effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2013.
- Approved, unanimously, to adopt an ordinance amending and readopting City Code pertaining to classification and taxation of certain real property in the City of Fairfax used for or zoned for commercial and industrial purposes. Such ordinance shall include a tax rate for such real property for calendar year 2013 at 5.5¢ per \$100 of assessed value, revenues from which to be used exclusively for transportation purposes that benefit the City of Fairfax.

## **Items not requiring a public hearing**

- Approved, unanimously, adoption of the General Fund, Capital Fund, Wastewater Fund, Water Fund, Stormwater Fund, Old Town Service District Fund, Cable Grant Fund, Transit Fund, and Commercial Transportation Fund Budgets for the 2014 fiscal year and the adoption of the 2014-18 Capital Improvement Program.
- Approved, unanimously, to set the amount of the employee market wage adjustment (cost of living increase) for all full-time classified employees, permanent part-time employees, city manager, treasurer, commissioner of the revenue, and registrar at 0 percent effective July 1, 2013.
- Approved, 5-1, to set the amount of the employee merit raise for all qualified

full-time classified employees (excluding department heads who participate in the Executive Pay Plan), permanent part-time employees, city manager, treasurer, commissioner of revenue, and the registrar at 3.5 percent effective July 1, 2013 and further, there shall be a longevity step increase for eligible public safety employees at a rate of 3.5 percent for fiscal year 2014. *(In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Drummond, Meyer, Greenfield, Schmidt; opposed: Councilmember Stombres.)*







- Approved, unanimously, the health benefit contribution rates for the City of Fairfax and eligible employees for fiscal year 2014 as specified in Attachment D-2 and further move that the city manager is directed to implement the employee benefits as provided for and described in the adopted fiscal year 2014 budget.
- Approved, 4-2, to set the real estate tax rate for the 2013 tax year at \$1.06 per \$100 of assessed value, of which 2¢ per \$100 of assessed value shall be dedicated to the stormwater fund. *(In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Drummond, Meyer, and Greenfield; opposed: Councilmembers Stombres and Schmidt.)*
- Approved, unanimously, to set the personal property and machinery and tools tax rate for the 2013 tax year at \$4.13 per \$100 assessed valuation based upon the assessment ratio of one hundred percent of fair market value.
- Approved, unanimously, to set the personal property tax rate for the 2013 tax year at 1¢ per one hundred dollars assessed valuation for those members of volunteer fire departments or volunteer rescue squads qualifying under the City Code.
- Approved, unanimously, the budgets for the Water and Wastewater Systems incorporating any changes made earlier in this meeting.
- Approved, unanimously, to adopt the proposed fiscal year 2014 schedule of rates and levies, incorporating any changes made earlier in this meeting.

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# City of Fairfax Community Calendar

# June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Helpful Phone Numbers</b> City government information..... 703-385-7855 City News and Events Line..... 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events Line..... 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library ..... 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center..... 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center..... 703-385-8414 FHS Sports Line..... 703-749-8130 George Mason University events..... 703-993-1056 Information is subject to last-minute change.		<b>Events at George Mason University, including high school graduations throughout most of June, may affect traffic in the city. For information, visit <a href="http://today.gmu.edu">today.gmu.edu</a> or call 703-993-1056.</b>	<b>When planning a special event or business function, consider city facilities: Old Town Hall, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, Green Acres Center. Information: <a href="http://www.fairfaxva.gov">www.fairfaxva.gov</a>, 703-385-7858</b>	<b>CUE Bus goes where you're going in the city! (To Mason and the Vienna Metrorail Station, too.) Pick up a copy of the schedule and routes on the city website or call 703-385-7859.</b>	<b>Drivers who use hand-held devices are four times more likely to have crashes serious enough to cause injury. All distractions can contribute to vehicle crashes. Information: 703-273-2889.</b>	<b>1</b> Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets <i>Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours offered 11 am to 2 pm</i>
<b>2</b> Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets	<b>3</b>  <i>Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)</i>	<b>4</b> English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	<b>5</b> InterService Club Council, noon, Red Lobster Environmental Sustainability Committee, 6:30 pm, Sherwood Community Center Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>6</b>  <i>Economic Fiscal Health workshop, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)</i> Fairfax City Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>7</b> Sherwood Cinema Series: <i>Rise of the Guardians</i> , 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center (food donations accepted for Our Daily Bread) Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 <i>Potomac Brass Quintet</i> , 7:30 pm, Old Town Plaza	<b>8</b> Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets <i>Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours offered 11 am to 2 pm</i> Swing Dances at Sherwood, 8 pm, Sherwood Community Center
<b>9</b> Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets Second Sunday Series: <i>First House: Two Centuries with Virginia's First Families</i> , 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center	<b>10</b>  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	<b>11</b>  <i>Democratic Primary Election — polls open from 6 am to 7 pm</i> City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	<b>12</b> Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center Spotlight on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center	<b>13</b> Fairfax High School graduation, noon, Fairfax High School Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center	<b>14</b> Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) <i>Fairfax Saxophone Quartet</i> , 7:30 pm, Old Town Plaza	<b>15</b> Farmers' Market <i>Ratcliffe-Allison House tours</i> Old Town Fairfax Guided Walking Tour, 11 am, Ratcliffe-Allison House <i>Sunstroke and Ankle-Deep in Mud</i> , 2 pm, Blenheim Father and Daughter Dance, 6 pm, Sherwood Center
<b>16</b> Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets	<b>17</b> <i>Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series</i> , 10:30 am, Old Town Hall	<b>18</b> Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall	<b>19</b> Economic Development Authority meeting, 5:30 pm, 4031 University Drive Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Sesquicentennial Committee meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim	<b>20</b> Independence Day Celebration Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>21</b> <i>Real estate taxes due</i> Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) <i>Alte Kameraden German Band</i> , 7:30 pm, Old Town Plaza	<b>22</b> Farmers' Market Secure document shredding event, 8 am, Braddock District Office, 9002 Burke Lake Road Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan Workshop, 10 am, Green Acres Center <i>Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours offered 11 am to 2 pm</i>
<b>23</b> Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan Workshop, 10 am, Green Acres Center Sunday Farmers' Market	<b>24</b>  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	<b>25</b>  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	<b>26</b> <b>Mark your calendar: exciting events in the city on Independence Day! See page 8 for an overview. Information: <a href="http://www.fairfaxva.gov">www.fairfaxva.gov</a>, 703-385-7858</b>	<b>27</b> Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>28</b> Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) <i>Rebel Run Dixieland Band</i> , 7:30 pm, Old Town Plaza	<b>29</b> Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets <i>Ratcliffe-Allison House guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm</i>
<b>30</b> Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets						



# ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

## Sherwood Cinema Series Continues June 7; Food Donations Accepted

Watch *Rise of the Guardians* for free at 7 p.m. June 7 at the Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.

Participants may bring their own snacks — and, from 7-9 p.m., Our Daily Bread will accept non-perishable food items.

## History Programs Scheduled

Learn about the Virginia governor's mansion in *First House: Two Centuries with Virginia's First Families* with author Mary Miley Theobald at 2 p.m. June 9 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center. For information and reservations, call 703-385-8414.

Experience *Sunstroke and Ankle-Deep Mud* with local authors Brian McEnany and Jim Lewis at 2 p.m. June 15 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. Information: 703-591-0560.

## Father-Daughter Dance Set for June 15

Fathers and daughters of all ages can spend a magical evening together at the annual Father-Daughter Dance from 6-9

## Old-Fashioned Hometown Celebration for Independence Day to be Held July 4

Convertibles  
and drivers  
sought for parade!

Volunteers  
sought!

Open House, 9 am to 4 pm, Museum and Visitor Center

Parade, 10 am, Old Town Fairfax\*

Old Fashioned Fireman's Day, 12:30 pm, Fire Station 3

Historic buildings open throughout Old Town Fairfax

Fireworks and evening show featuring the City of Fairfax Band and Grooveline (music from the 1950s to today's hits), 7 pm, Fairfax High School\*

T-shirts  
for sale:  
\$5 children,  
\$10 adults

\* free shuttles provided for these events

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p.m. June 15 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Expect a special fairy tale guest, and enjoy dancing, games, prizes and food.

Cost is \$25 per person, and registration is required. Register on the city's website or call 703-385-7858.

## Step into Fairfax History This Summer

Learn about city history by strolling in Old Town Fairfax, the heart of Northern Virginia.

A guided walking tour is offered at 11 a.m. June 15, July 27, August 24,

September 14 and October 26. Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Meet at the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street (which has free guided tours from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through October). For information, call 703-385-8414.

## Park Pavilions Available for Rent

Planning a party in the great outdoors? Make it under the shade of a pavilion at Country Club Hills, Van Dyck, Kutner, Providence, Westmore or Thaiss Memorial parks. Reservations are accepted: call 703-385-7858.

**For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 7-1-1).**



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